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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 3

Date: June 17, 2012

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation:Psalm 103, TLH p. 145 f.

Hymn: *WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Liturgy: TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): TLH, pp. 6-7

P: I trust in Your unfailing love;

C: My heart rejoices in Your salvation.

P: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,

C: Who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.

P: Be my rock of refuge,

C: A strong fortress to save me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 19, st. 1

All praise to God, who reigns above,

The God of all creation,

The God of wonders, power, and love,

The God of our salvation!

With healing balm my soul He fills,

The God who every sorrow stills,--

To God all praise and glory!

First Reading: Hebrews 12:1-11

Our heavenly Father who chastens us is deserving of our respect.

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet ...

C: And a light to my path. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Luke 11:5-13

As our earthly fathers in their weaknesses care for us, even much more will our holy, heavenly Father who knows how to give good gifts to His children.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 630: *Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught*

Sermon: Psalm 128

¹ Blessed is every one who fears the Lord,

Who walks in His ways.

² When you eat the labor of your hands,

You *shall be* happy, and *it shall be* well with you.

³ Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine

In the very heart of your house,

Your children like olive plants

All around your table.

⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

Who fears the Lord.

⁵ The Lord bless you out of Zion,

And may you see the good of Jerusalem

All the days of your life.

⁶ Yes, may you see your children's children.

Peace *be* upon Israel! (NKJVTM)



"Blessed is the God-Fearing Family Man"

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 625: *Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: WS 785: *Children of the Heavenly Father*



Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to speak with you!

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Blessed Fathers Day** to all our fathers among us today. May we all appreciate the Christian influence they have had on us.
- ◆ **Hospitality:** The Wendland family is hosting hospitality today following the worship service.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** This publication by the CLC is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. There is a sign-up sheet located by the guest book.
- ◆ **The Branches:** This is a publication for women in the CLC (and others interested). It's time to renew your subscription, or become a new subscriber. Please check "Renew" to continue or add your information to the list by the guest book. The subscription cost is paid by the congregation. Contact Norma Rust if you have questions.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 6-10. We are currently seeking volunteers to help teach classes and coordinate craft projects. Those interested may speak with Pastor. A registration sheet on the narthex table is for those children who will be attending. There is also a sign-up sheet for snacks during the week.
- ◆ **ILC Volunteers:** Last summer the Immanuel Professorage Committee coordinated several summer-time projects with volunteer help to renovate professorages in need of repair. The IPC is organizing work projects again this summer. These efforts are getting long-delayed fix-ups done at a considerable savings to our fellowship. A wide range of talents may be utilized before and after Convention. For more details, please speak to the pastor.
- ◆ **Immanuel Boosters:** The Immanuel Booster Club annually works at the Country Jam near Eau Claire, WI, in order to raise money for Immanuel athletic projects. They are seeking volunteers to help with some low-profile ushering/security for July 19-21. If you are willing to help, please email Tom Beekman at Thomas.Beekman@dot.wi.gov.
- ◆ **2012 CLC Convention** will be held on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire from Monday, June 18, to Thursday, June 21. There will be a communion service on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran and the Memorial service at 9 am on Thursday in the ILC Field House. The Convention theme is *"Thanks Be to God, Who Gives Us the Victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ!"* Grace's assignments are:
 - Pastor Hein: Committee #3, Missions
 - Delegate Benno Sydow: Committee #4, Doctrine & Constitution
 - Delegate Frank Radichel: Committee #5, Finance

Please remember this important work of our church body in your prayers. Live streaming and archived video footage for portions of this year's Convention can be viewed on ILC's Ustream channel, which can be accessed from www.ilc.edu/tv.

GOD SPEAKS! THAT'S IT: The on-going march down "Immorality Lane" in connection with homosexual and lesbian unions we are confronted with the reality that "clergy" are a big part of the problem. In the name of love and inclusiveness many do not have the courage to stand by their convictions if in fact they have any. They live in fear of offending sinners, and in fear of losing their reputation in the eyes of an amoral society. Others have jettisoned Scripture completely. The authority of Scripture is denied as they set their reason above the holy and true God. In the charged atmosphere of the homosexual union issue in Minnesota, clergy are coming down on both sides of the issue. How can that be?

One answer lies in the comments of a Methodist preacher in Minneapolis who supports perverted unions (St. Paul Pioneer Press, 6/9/12): "Scripture must be factored, but so must tradition, reason and experience... God speaks to all of us in different ways." Professing himself to be wise he has become a fool (Romans 1:22). That very passage from Romans is in the context of the divinely inspired indictment of the very perversion the preacher supports. Unfortunately, and to the destruction of souls, the preacher is representative of countless other "men and women of the cloth" who occupy pulpits in churches today! ...

First of all, all Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16) and is truth (John 17:17). That is indisputable to those who recognize the authority of God and His Word, but is foolishness to those for whom Scripture is simply a factor to be considered together with tradition and reason. Scripture plainly teaches that the Triune God created the heavens and the earth. The child, unless misled by a false teacher to whom Scripture is not the final authority, can read Genesis and tell you that the Bible says God made the heavens and the earth. In the Methodist preacher's scenario, who is the final authority on what the Ten Commandments say and mean? Ah, we forgot -- it's Scripture, plus tradition, plus reason. Really? Scripture teaches plainly that there is no salvation apart from Christ Jesus the Lord; it teaches further that salvation is without the works of the law but only by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9 and many others) in Jesus and His substitutionary atonement on the cross. But then how shall the Christ denier be saved? That's a problem, if you believe that Scripture is to be factored with tradition and reason. Let these few examples demonstrate the point!

So we have a question for those who believe that Scripture is only to be factored with every other tradition and philosophy of men. How can you be certain of anything that God says in the Bible? If you pick and choose, and add and subtract from Scripture, how can anyone know he is saved? What do you say to the individual on the death bed who is concerned about his eternal welfare? Hardly is it comforting to say to such a person, "Scripture must be factored, but so must tradition, reason and experience... God speaks to all of us in different ways."

What God says to one, He says to all for He speaks to us through His Word. The statement "God speaks to all of us in different ways" promotes the idea that Scripture contradicts itself! Such a statement can only be made by those who do not believe in the inspiration of Scripture and thus do not and will not bow to the authority of Scripture. How man to satisfy his own agenda chooses to interpret what God says does not make God the author of confusion. "God speaks to us all in different ways" is a denial of Christ for Scripture says, "God, Who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things..." (Hebrews 1:1, 2). Scripture indicts any who will not bow to the authority of the Word—and what an indictment it is of those who claim the mantle of representatives of God. Jesus said, "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My Word...But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me...He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God" (John 8: 42- 47).

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). He also said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word he shall never see death" (John 8:51). He gives us the promise, "On this one will I look: on him who is of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at (has respect for) My word" (Isaiah 66:2). Jesus speaks by His own authority for He is God! (Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 6/2012)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Part 2

THE OBJECT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — THE CHILD:

We children of the Light live in this dark world, but we are not to be darkened in our thinking by this world. That is easy to say, but it remains a continuing struggle to

maintain. On every side we are exposed to naturalistic ways of thinking. We can so easily begin to think of conception and birth as nothing more than a natural process that has been explained and can be controlled by science. When man is able to prevent conception and then, when he so desires, induce it, he is very apt to forget the Creator-God. We need to be reminded that all life, especially human life, is a gift of God. In giving man the power to reproduce God did not want man to forget his Creator and begin to think of himself as a mini-creator, but God wanted man continually to marvel at His on-going creative work and then to bless and praise Him as Lord of all.

It is refreshing to read some of the Psalms with their unscientific reflections upon children and from where they come. Let your spirit revel in these words of Old Testament pre-scientific, but nonetheless inspired writers:

“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127:3-5

“Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.” Psalm 128:1-4

Even more refreshing is the loving concern that our Lord had for little children, as we read in the Gospel according to St. Mark:

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16

Who are the objects of our efforts to educate in a Christian manner? They are precious gifts of the Creator of all. They are little ones for whom the Lord always had time. They are the ones that He set as a standard for admittance into the Kingdom of God. Let us be sure that we regard and treasure our children in like manner!

THE OBJECT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — THE ADULT:

So frequently the concept of Christian education spans only the life of a child from Kindergarten age through elementary and high school age — sometimes through college. This is a short-circuited view of Christian education. Education is a process, not an event. But it is a process that does not end on graduation day. Secular educators know this and so stress refresher courses. Business and industry know this and so constantly provide opportunities for their people to “keep up with the times.” But sometimes it seems as though Christians forget or neglect what the world considers mandatory — that education must be a process that continues throughout one’s life. It’s sad when the graduate of a Christian Day School and a Christian High School refuses to attend a Bible Study class because “I know all that already.” We never know it all — not even a small part of it. We never finish applying principles to practice. We can never finish the thrilling process of learning new and deeper insights into the glories of God’s plan of salvation for us. With a lifetime of consecrated effort we still but “see through a mirror dimly” and but “know in part” 1 Cor. 13:12. Who are to be the objects of Christian education? Unless we want to become guilty of gross neglect, the answer must be and ever remain — ALL!

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Ed Lentz

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., June 17: 9:00 am – Worship Service

10:15 am – Hospitality (Wendland hosting)

June 18-21: CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI

Wed., June 20: 7:30 pm – Convention Worship Service @ Messiah

Sun., June 24: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sat., June 30: 9:00 am – Work day @ Grace

August 6-10: Vacation Bible School

August 20: ILC School Year Begins

August 27: Grace School Year Begins

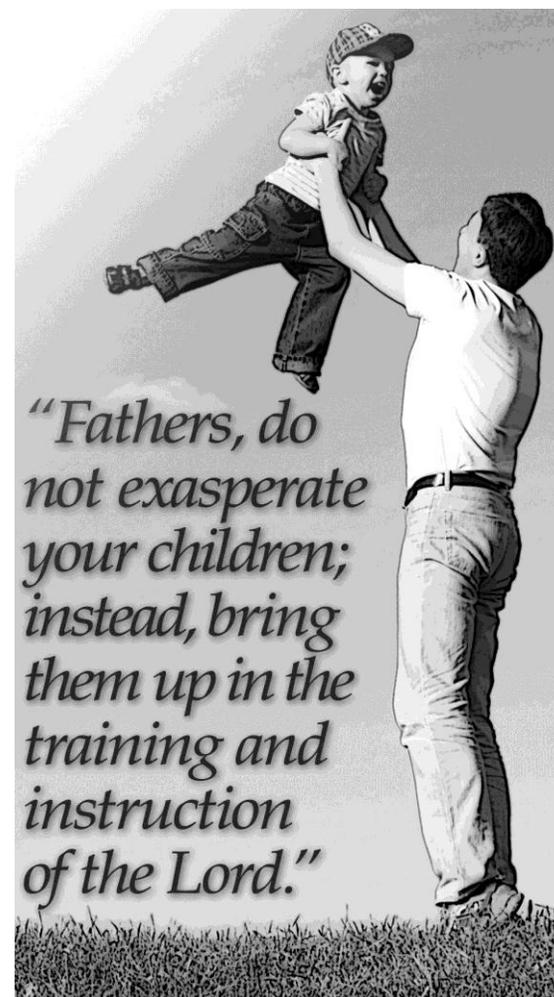
Last Week's Stats: June 10, 2012 Sun.: 99

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,248.00	CLC:	\$691.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-782.00	CLC:	-269.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$66,940.21	CLC:	\$22,101.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	72,720.00	CLC:	23,040.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,779.79	CLC:	-939.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	25.00	Tuition Aid:	185.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	54.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	134.00	IIF: 30.00	CEF: 0.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”